

On the continent of Europe, the beetle is recorded from wet grassland and from under decayed bark of oaks (von Peez, *op. cit.*). It is known also from North Africa and from North America where it has been found in ground cereals and in standing wheat (Hinton, 1945. *A monograph of the beetles associated with stored products*. vol.1. British Museum (Natural History), London).

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***Harpalus griseus* Panzer (Col.: Carabidae) in Britain – a postscript**

In recording a specimen of this beetle taken in the second half of July 1995 in a light trap at Wimbledon, Surrey (Owen, 1996 *Ent. Rec.* **108**: 69-72), I suggested that it might be the first definitely British example. I did this with some hesitation because the beetle was at one time on the British list, though I had not been able to trace an unequivocally British specimen. To try and clarify the situation, I wrote in the note that I would be pleased to learn of any specimen thought to be a British example of the species to which I had not referred and, to the same end, exhibited the specimen at the British Entomological and Natural History Society's Exhibition in November 1996. Professor Dacie, to whom I am indebted for the specimen, continued to run his light trap at Wimbledon until the end of 1998, but no further examples of the species were trapped.

To date (March 2000), I have not heard of any further records, but one additional piece of information has come to light. Rye (1863 *Ent. Ann.* 65-115), put forward the view that *H. griseus* was a British beetle having seen two examples in the Waterhouse collection. As reported in my note, there is a specimen of *H. griseus* on a card inscribed "G.R.W. coll" in the Waterhouse collection in the Royal Scottish Museums, Edinburgh. This is presumably one of the two specimens seen by Rye in the Waterhouse collection. Now, my friend Roger Booth has found what is almost certainly the other Waterhouse specimen, among material in The Natural History Museum, London. Like the one in Edinburgh, it is mounted on a card inscribed "G.R.W. coll." and also like the Edinburgh specimen has a pin-hole in the right elytron. The specimen bears what are apparently two accession labels, one of which refers to Power, but no date or locality is given.

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